

Sermon: United with Christ – New Life in Him
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17 (text vs. 5-11)

Introduction:

- I. The Christian is a new person: old self/new self (vs. 9,10,11; Eph. 4:22-24)
- II. A new way of thinking about old sin:
 - A. Three categories of sin:
 1. Sexual sin (vs. 5a,b)
 2. Money and things – greed (vs. 5c)
 3. Speech (vs. 8,9a; Eph. 5:3)
 - B. So what should the Christian think about sins listed here?
 1. He should remember that they are truly terrible and deserving of God's wrath (vs. 6; I Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5-6).
 2. He should remember that they are against love to God and our neighbor (Ps. 73:22).
 3. He should consider himself dead to these things (vs. 5a).
- III. Concluding thoughts, helps:
 - A. Watch over your heart (Mark 7:21-23; Prov. 4:23; Ps. 119:11).
 - B. Temptation does not equal sin.
 - C. Success in one area is not permission to sin in another area.
 - D. Everyone's battles are not going to be the same.
 - E. It is an on-going battle (Romans 7; Ephesians 6).
 - F. Preach the gospel to yourself every day.